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AN INCREASE IN ITS RATES AND)	CAUSE NO. 43128
CHARGES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY SERVICE)	

SUBMISSION OF PRE-FILED TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Intervenor, Lakes of the Four Seasons, by counsel, hereby submits the pre-filed testimony and of Robert Campbell in support of the Settlement Agreement filed in this Cause.

Respectfully submitted,

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TESTIMONY OF ROBERT CAMPBELL
On Behalf of Intervenor,
Lakes of the Four Seasons Homeowner's Association
Pre-Filed July 3, 2007

1 2 3	Q.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ON WHOSE BEHALF YOU ARE TESTIFYING.
4	A.	My name is Robert Campbell. I am the Community Manager of Lakes of
5		the Four Seasons Property Owner's Association.
6 7 8	Q.	ARE YOU THE SAME ROBERT CAMPBELL THAT SUBMITTED PRE- FILED TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING ON MAY 9, 2007?
9	A.	Yes.
10 11	Q.	WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?
12 13	A.	The purpose of my testimony is to provide LOFS's perspective on the
14		Settlement Agreement between Twin Lakes Utilities ("TLU"), the Indiana Office
15		of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC"), and Lakes of the Four Seasons
16		Property Owners' Association ("LOFS").
17	Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
18		ADDRESSES THE CONCERNS RAISED IN YOUR MAY 9, 2007 PRE-
19		FILED TESTIMONY.
20	A.	The Settlement Agreement includes commitments from TLU designed to
21		eliminate the sewage discharges that LOFS has experienced for a number of
22		years. It mandates specific dates by which TLU must identify and implement a
23		remediation project designed to completely eliminate sewage discharges during
24		normal operating conditions from two manholes where discharges frequently
25		occur. Most importantly, TLU has agreed that time is of the essence, and absent
26		matters beyond TLU's control, TLU will complete the remediation project on or
27		before December 31, 2008.
28		As part of the Settlement Agreement's discussion of sewage discharge
29		remediation. TLU and LOFS also recognize the importance of continuing TLU

efforts to eliminate connections to sump pumps, which contributes to overflowing
manholes.

Though not a part of the Settlement Agreement, we have had productive dialogue with TLU's newest operations manager regarding our water quality testing concerns, and I am comfortable that TLU will share with LOFS its water quality testing data and that LOFS is free to work with IDEM should water quality testing concerns continue.

Finally, the Settlement Agreement is responsive to concerns raised by certain LOFS residents during the field hearing in this proceeding regarding fish kills that the residents believe were caused at least in part by TLU sewer discharges. While TLU does not admit any liability for fish kills, the Settlement Agreement calls for TLU to make payments to LOFS totaling \$5,000, which LOFS will use for restocking the lakes with fish.

Q. WHY IS THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST?

A.

As an initial matter, LOFS does not object to the rate increases reflected in the Settlement Agreement. The levels reflected in the Agreement are consistent with our understanding of the accounting information presented, and so long as TLU is required to promptly eliminate the sewage discharges during normal operating conditions that have plagued our subdivision for over a decade, we do not object to the increase reflected in the Settlement Agreement.

I believe that the public interest is served by a meaningful commitment from TLU to eliminate the sewage discharge problem as soon as possible. The Settlement Agreement reflects that commitment and the parties' expectations that,

1		absent a delay beyond TLU's control, the remediation project will be complete by
2		December 31, 2008. The Settlement Agreement also prevents TLU from
3		enjoying any further rate increases until the remediation project is complete. This
4		along with TLU's commitment to continue its efforts to eliminate the
5		unauthorized use of sump pumps, should help all parties reach the common goal
6		of eliminating, once and for all, sewer discharges during normal operating
7		conditions.
8		Additionally, the provision that obligates TLU to pay \$5,000 for fish
9		restocking helps mitigate the residents' concerns that about TLU's willingness to
10		pay for damage its discharges may well have caused. Ultimately, because the
11		Settlement Agreement imposes on TLU certain tangible obligations that will
12		move the system closer to the goal of eliminating sewage discharges in normal
13		operating conditions, I believe the Settlement Agreement is in the public interest.
14 15	Q.	DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?
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17	A.	Yes, it does.
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